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Commissioner Mary T. Boyle Statement on Safe Sleep for Babies Act Effective Date

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This weekend, on November 12, the Safe Sleep for Babies Act goes into effect—banning crib bumpers and all inclined sleepers for infants. Enacted by Congress and signed by the President, this legislation is a significant step forward that will protect babies across the country.

Safeguarding babies and families from dangerous products is essential to our mission at CPSC and a top priority for me as Commissioner. Approximately 3,400 babies under the age of one die suddenly each year in their sleep environment. We now know that crib bumpers and inclined sleepers increase the risk of infant suffocation and death. A firm, flat surface is the safest place, and the only place, where infants should be sleeping. Each tragedy averted is a life saved and a family spared from terrible loss.

As the nation's safety regulator, CPSC is responsible for leading the way in setting standards that will protect babies. I am confident that CPSC will work diligently to enforce the new Act and will continue to scrutinize the market for products that jeopardize baby safety. I am grateful that Congress passed this law, and I am confident that the vigorous enforcement of this Act will save lives.

As Commissioner I will continue to advocate for vigilance on behalf of this vulnerable population and to set expectations for continual progress on infant safety rules. From my own experience as a mom, I know the pressures on parents and the anxieties that come with putting a baby to sleep. Parents and caregivers should be able to count on the safety of products that are intended, marketed or designed for infant sleep.